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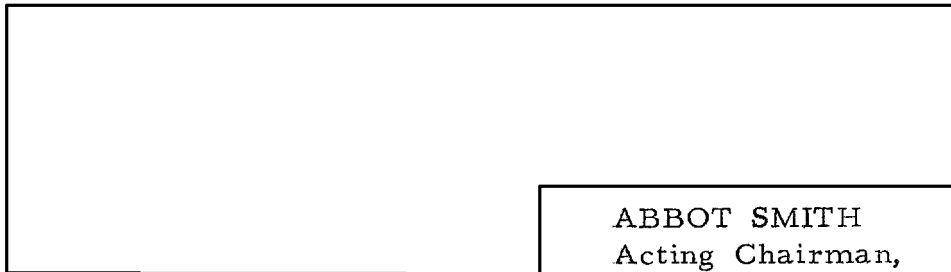
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Joint Staff Over-all Intelligence Estimate
For Planning, Part I, Volume I

1. Attached is a draft reply to General Breitweiser's memorandum of 19 April which carries on the debate with respect to Joint Staff estimates on the Soviet Union.

2. It might be best to let this correspondence die, right now. However, if you wish to reply to the last communication of General Breitweiser, we suggest the attached draft.

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ABBOT SMITH
Acting Chairman,
Board of National Estimates

DCI:

I prefer the suggestion to: "let this correspondence die". (Par v above).

Attachment

CFC

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By all means let it die. Breits. last letter does not request an answer.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM FOR: Major General Robert A. Breitweiser, USAF
Director for Intelligence, The Joint Staff

SUBJECT: Joint Staff Over-All Intelligence Estimate
for Planning, Part I, Volume I

REFERENCES: (a) J2DM-82-60, 4 March 1960
(b) DCI Memo, 23 March 1960
(c) J2DM-148-60, 19 April 1960

1. It would be difficult to disagree with the statements in paragraph 3 of your memorandum of 19 April 1960. Nevertheless, I am still puzzled. If military plans are to be made on the assumption that armed conflict with the USSR occurs, presumably at some given date, then these plans must doubtless rest also upon a considerable number of other appropriate assumptions. But if military planning rests instead upon an estimate of the capabilities and probable courses of action of the USSR as we see them today, and as we judge them likely to develop in the foreseeable future, then I should think it ought to start from a faithful and complete summary of the appropriate National Intelligence Estimates.

2. Apparently we do not have a full mutual understanding on this matter. Perhaps we might arrange to talk it over some time before the next paper is prepared.

ALLEN W. DULLES
Director

TRANSMITTAL SLIP		DATE 7/15/60
TO: Mr. Abbot Smith, O-NE		
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REMARKS:		
<p>Returned herewith the original and all copies of memo to Gen. Breitweiser, w/basic and enclosure.</p> <p>You will note the decision not to send the memo, in line with para. 2 of your memo to DCI</p> <p>All material for your proper disposition.</p>		
FROM: [Redacted]		O/DCI
ROOM NO. 202	BUILDING Admin	[Redacted]
FORM NO. 241 1 FEB 55		REPLACES FORM 36-8 WHICH MAY BE USED.

Date: 11 July 1960

From Sherman Kent

To: [Redacted]

Back to you.

Spec - let it die.

SR
George [Signature]